CLAIMS:



- 1. A method for optimization of temporal performances of an network of electronic cells, comprising a plurality of cells which are taken from a library, comprising several categories of cells, the cells of a same category all having the same functionality, which method comprises the following steps:
- accurate computation of propagation times of signals which pass through each cell of the network; and
 - identification of cells which have a value of the propagation time computed greater than a predetermined reference value.
- 10 2. A method for optimization as claimed in claim 1, wherein a predetermined threshold value val_j is allocated to each cell of rank j of a same category, and wherein, when a cell of rank i identified must be replaced by a cell of a higher rank k, the value of k is at least equal to i+j, if the value of the propagation time computed for said cell of rank i is greater than the predetermined threshold value val_i of the cell of rank j.

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3. A method for optimization as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when a cell of rank i identified must be replaced by acell of a higher rank k, the value of k is equal to i+j, if the value of the propagation time computed for said cell of rank i is within the predetermined threshold values val_j and val_{j+1} of the cells of consecutive ranks j and j+1.

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- 4. A method for optimization as claimed in claim 1, wherein execution of the replacement step is subject to validation by the user of the said method.
- 5. An integrated circuit comprising a network of cells, the temporal performances of which have been optimized by means of a method according to claim 1.
 - 6. A receiver device for radio signals, comprising an integrated circuit according to claim 5.